Report of the Com: on For: Miss: before the Soc: of Inq: Aug. 1st 1840

Missions of "Protestant" Episcopal Church.

West Africa -

Rev. Dr Savage. writing from Cape Palmas April 6th says. During the previous week all the school exercises were suspended & the time spent in religious services - There was much seriousness. ~~Since~~ The divine presence is evidently among us - "The smallest child has felt it, not one among us who has not wept for sin, prayed & requested prayer for pardon of sin" "We entertain hopes of ye conversion of all our colonists children, in a course of preparation to become teacher (four boys & two girls) besides their other girls connected with ye mission. Ten native scholars, we think have met with a change of heart. & there are others also who have expressed a hope of a similar change, but of them we cannot speak in terms of confidence.

We believe 19 souls at this station to have passed from death unto life during this gracious season.

The Rev. Mr Payne - confirms what is written by Dr Savage - and attributes the work to ~~th~~ his instrumentality aided by Mr & Mrs Perkins.

Speaking of divine service held Mr Payne says - "I never worshipped in such an assembly before, - never heard such, may I not say, angelic singing - such fervent prayer. & when I spoke to the listening, & to a great extent regenerated multitude before me, from ye words "Praise the Lord O my Soul" I felt that God had more than ten thousand times repaid me for all I had feared & suffered -

One day he received a visit from a one of ye most wicked Kroomen at Cavally. After sitting in silence a few moments he said _ addressing the missionary _ "Payne, I must leave my people! All the words you speak are true _ I know they be true _ My heart wants to do them _ I must do them: but my people are so bad & I have been so bad, I can't please God between them". From this time this young man, Gnebur by name, was a daily visitor. "hearing & asking questions". When Mr Payne asked him for the first time: if he thought God had given him a new heart. He replied, 'I know not if God has given me a new heart, but I know what I hated at first I now love, I want to keep all God's laws as long as I live'. "Gnebur (said Mr P.) Do you love to pray?" "I do" "What do you say?" "I say, Oh God, I know first time I

be bad too much, I tell lie, I no keep
Sunday I want to steal, I take other
man's woman, but I no want to do
so any more I beg you, because Jesus
died for me, to give me a new heart,
so I can love God, & when I die, go
to God's place_

Mr P- has great hope of this
youth.

The amount of Receipts by this
Board during the last year was
$23.853.69. being $3.300.25 less than the
previous year. Having a balance on
hand from former year of some
$11.000 the Board have not ex-
perienced any embarrassment.

They have 6 Missions. Located
in West Africa, Athens. Crete.
Constantinople China & Texas-

We are indebted to this Board
for the labors of Rev. Mr Southgate
in Turkey & Persia - And for the ac-

cession which he has thus been able to make to our Missionary & library—

The Rev. Dr Boone stationed at Batavia with reference to the Chinese does not appear to think such views of the prospect of success with this people as have been recently communicated by the Missionaries of the American Board— He does not argue the matter as to the difficulty of the language but his communication is such as to lead us to suppose that his heart must encouraged to labor & he ~~earnestly~~ earnestly pleads for more laborers—

"There is no field of missionary operation which seems so beset with difficulties & concerning which so many queries arise constantly, demanding immediate solution as that of China— We cannot give it up & yet it seems like writing on the ocean wave, so far as the present prospect of usefulness is concerned— We doubt not that important changes await the missionary work in those parts—

Moravians—

Labrador— "Of the operation of the Spirit of God on y hearts of our people we have had many encouraging evidences, especially among the youth of both sexes committed to our charge. Three of the latter 2 boys & 1 girl, have been added to y Church by holy baptism.

Congregation Sept 1839. was— 344. of whom 146. communicants— 50 baptized adults & 134. baptized children. The schools & meetings well attended.

"The Moravians seem to be laboring with apostolic zeal in those fields from which almost all others are deterred. They have now as many missionaries as may be profitably employed in Labrador

& Greenland - They in many cases almost entirely support themselves we doubt whether any missionaries in the whole world live on so small amount as the Moravians - They preach - teach schools & visit from house to house - Nothing daunted is small success or even if no success attends their efforts - One writes thus - Our efforts for the conversion of the Northland Heathen have hitherto been attended with but small success. Sometimes in moments of faithlessness, I am tempted to think, that the Lord has already taken out of the Esquimaux nation, the people for his name, whom he has foreknown & that we must ~~we~~ not look for any considerable increase to y congregations under our care: but this discouraging thought is soon banished by the consideration

that Jesus is the Saviour of all men
& that our God will have all men
to be saved & come to ye knowledge
of ye truth. The time may be nearer
than we imagine, when ye word of
Jesus' patience, which we proclaim,
will reach the hearts of our Heathen
neighbors & when a goodly number
of them also shall be gained for
him & shall swell ye reward
for the travail of ye Redeemer's soul."
Thus they labor hoping against
hope —

They have within a few years
commenced stationing Scripture
Readers in Ireland. They have
five stations & have already done
much good. They always carry
with them the bible & read it
from house to house or by
the way-side as they have
opportunity.

A. B. C. F. M.
Oregon Indians —

Much has lately been written concerning these tribes. & inviting has been y prospect to go over & labor among them. Mr Smith of A. B. is at Kameah. One of the principal places of y Nez Perces tribe —

The country is unusually destitute of all the conveniences of life — For a time he had a sort of a hut without table or chair. After manufacturing some stools & a table he assures us that he enjoyed himself studying as much as he ever did in the nicely furnished rooms of Andover Seminary.

The Language he declares to be difficult — There being some 10.000 words of a simple form — besides the many more derived or formed from them — They have a complicated way of compounding words whe

adds to its difficulty— as for example—
withnasa ~~[illegible]~~ means—to travel.
Twalawithnasa—to travel in the
rain. tantwalawithnasa to
travel in a rainy night— In some
respects it resembles the Hebrew—
A feature that would deter, some
of us, from the task of ac-
quiring it.

Mr Smith— thinks ~~that~~ ~~the~~ if he
may judge of by what he saw
sees & heard among the people—
he is safe in saying ~~that~~ the Dele-
gation of six of ~~their~~ number to
"the States," for Christian ~~teachers~~
was prompted by selfishness more
than ~~for~~ by any love of the truth.
He says— "Much has been said about
the desire of this people for instruction,
but it is quite evident ~~for~~ what it
is for. It is not usually the com-
mon people ~~that~~ express much

desire: it is confined to y chiefs &
principal men. These manifest
a great ~~desire~~ fondness for hearing
something new & telling of it. & by so
doing they gather many about them &
increase their influence & sustain ~~the~~
their dignity among y people. This has
evidently been the case & so is now."
He thinks ~~that~~ they have been influ-
enced also by temporal gain by
trading facilities being increased & a
market being opened for their salea-
ble property among them.
They are superstitious as most Heathen
They do not worship idols. But they
have in their place. The sun, birds,
y grey bear, & other beasts & men.
He thinks that they have a fellow-
feeling with the Pharisees of old. in
the matter of self-righteousness.
The novelty is now worn off &
it will be hard work as among
all other heathen. Mr Smith

thinks that they are far from bieng
what some have represented them.
~~the~~ Beside they are not numerous.
And are cut up into tribes of from
2.000 to 5.000. each speaking
a different language hence is aug-
mented the task of y missionary—
Upon the whole ~~however~~ how-
ever Mr Smith is encouraged
to hold on in his work—